



NEWS RELEASE

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Caltrans 2007 Construction Season Up and Running

REDDING – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 2 is in full swing with the 2007 construction season. Approximately 35 projects are scheduled to be in contract this season throughout the counties of Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity.

Motorists can look forward to smoother, safer roadways, as area contractors in the north state are accomplishing more than \$200 million in roadway and bridge rehabilitation projects, and highway safety improvements.

Brian Crane, District 2 Director reminds motorists to be patient and proceed safely while driving through cone zones.

Key projects in the counties:

Shasta County	Route	Key Accomplishments	\$Millions	Completion
Pit River Bridge Deck Replacement	I-5	Failing bridge replaced	35	mid 2008
Cayton Creek Rehabilitation	SR 89	28 lane miles of distressed pavement rehabilitated	18.2	late 2007
		30 % of collision reduction with shoulder and clear recovery zone (CRZ) improvements		
Fountain Curve Safety Project	SR 299	50 % of collision reduction with alignment, shoulder, CRZ improvements	7.8	late 2007
Dersch Road Safety Project	SR 44	50 % of collision reduction with alignment, shoulder, CRZ improvements	6.5	late 2007
Lake Blvd. SB to I-5 on-ramp extension	I-5	40% collision reduction with increased merge length	1.8	mid 2007
Lassen County	Route			Completion
Downtown Susanville	SR 36	3.5 lane miles of distressed pavement rehabilitated	2.6	late 2007
Milford Shoulder Widening	US 395	30 % of collision reduction with shoulder and CRZ improvements	30	late 2007
Route 139 4 miles north of Jct. 36	SR 139	30% collision reduction with super elevation improvement and shoulder widening	0.36	late 2007
Sage Hen Shoulder widening	SR 395	30% collision reduction with shoulder	2.8	late 2007

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Tehama County	Route			Completion
Toomes Creek Bridge replacement	SR 99	bridge with failing foundation replaced	6.3	mid 2008
Pentacola Curve Safety Project	SR 36	50 % of collision reduction with alignment, shoulder, CRZ improvements	1.1	late 2007
Fire Mountain Curve Safety Project	SR 36	50 % of collision reduction with alignment, shoulder, CRZ improvements	0.682	late 2007
McKay Curve Realignment	SR 36	50 % of collision reduction with alignment, shoulder, CRZ improvements	3.4	late 2007
Kenny Curve Realignment	SR36	50 % of collision reduction with alignment, shoulder, CRZ improvements	0.755	late 2007
Signalize Cedar/Main	SR36	20% collision reduction with signal installation	0.43	late 2007
Tehama County	Route			Completion
Stuart Fork Bridges	SR 36	bridge with failing foundation replaced Aged bridge deck rehabilitated	4.2	Late 2008
Siskiyou County	Route			Completion
Downtown Weed Rehabilitation	var	6 lane miles of distressed pavement rehabilitated	9	
		30 % collision reduction with improvements at two key intersections		
		Pedestrian safety enhanced with 3000 feet of new sidewalk		
Black Butte	I-5	11 lane miles of distressed pavement rehabilitated	4.7	late 2007
Plumas County				
Curve improvement west of 36/32 jct	SR 36	50 % of collision reduction with alignment, shoulder, CRZ improvements	0.682	late 2007

For information about construction projects, road closures or delays go to www.caltrans2.info

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